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**Subject:** RE: FW: Two Documents and Statement

We will make the correction.

Dr. Gunn

**From:** Whitley.Christopher@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2013 10:57 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Dr. Dolores  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Two Documents and Statement

Dr. Gunn,

I notice there is a brief paragraph in the press statement, regarding EPA, that is incorrect. It is this one:

"The lead agency for the radiological contamination is Region VII of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The media contact for EPA is Debbie Kring. She can be reached at 913-551-7725. Her backup is Chris Whitley. He can be reached at 913-551-7394."

Debbie Kring serves as EPA Region 7's Community Involvement Coordinator (a role that primarily involves response to citizens and community stakeholders affected by Superfund sites, but not the news media) and also as Local Government Liaison. She can be reached at 913-551-7725, or at [kring.debbie@epa.gov](mailto:kring.debbie@epa.gov). Chris Whitley serves as EPA Region 7's Media Contact for the West Lake Landfill Site. He can be reached at 913-551-7394, or at [whitley.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:whitley.christopher@epa.gov).

I believe Michael Zlatic may have initially referred your inquiry to me because Debbie, who normally would have handled contacts with you, is currently out of the office on vacation. Typically I am not Debbie's backup for her Community Involvement Coordination or Local Government Liaison work, and likewise Debbie generally does not handle media inquiries. We only point this out because we want to be sure that any media inquiries that need response from EPA Region 7 are handled in a timely manner--which might not happen if a media caller were to leave a message for Debbie while she is away on vacation.

Regardless of roles, be assured that at any time we are always glad to help you or any of your staff at DOH, should the need ever arise.

Thanks again for keeping us in the loop,

Chris Whitley

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You are welcome.

Dr. Gunn

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Thanks very much for sending this.

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Christopher, below is the media statement released and the attached documents that went out to media. In particular a CBS affiliate. The attached documents were sent to MDNR and MoDHSS prior to media release. On Friday we had a conference call with MDNR and MoDHSS. At the direction of MDNR I believe air monitoring may have began this Saturday. Please call if you have any further questions.

Dr. Gunn

**From:** LeFebvre, Craig  
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**Subject:** Two Documents and Statement  
**Importance:** High

Kevin:

Attached are the two letters the department has sent to MDNR and MDHSS. Below is our statement concerning the matter. Dr. Gunn should be calling you shortly. Please let me know if you need anything else.

**Saint Louis County government is as concerned as many St. Louis County residents about the two ongoing events at or near the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill – the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) and the radiological contamination. However, while the Saint Louis County Department of Health (DOH) is able to monitor the two events for updates, DOH is not the lead agency for either.**

**The lead agency for the SSE is the Solid Waste Management Program within the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The media contact for MDNR is Renee Bungart. She can be reached at 573-751-1010.**

**The lead agency for the radiological contamination is Region VII of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The media contact for the EPA is Debbie Kring. She can be reached at 913-551-7725. Her backup is Chris Whitley. He can be reached at 913-551-7394.**

**In addition to the two agencies listed above, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) is the lead agency for any health issues associated with either of the two events. The media contact for MDHSS is Gina Terlizzi. She can be reached at 573-751-6062.**

**It is important to note that while the two events are occurring at or near the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill, the two events are not connected or related and are in fact occurring at two different locations. The SSE is located at the southern end of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill and the radiological contamination – which has already been designated a Superfund site – is just north of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill.**

**Because the Saint Louis County Department of Health is not the lead agency for either of the two events, it has a limited ability to do anything other than monitor the situation.**

**DOH has been attending all scheduled meetings regarding the two events and has been in direct consultation with the landfill owner, the EPA, and MDNR throughout.**

**The Saint Louis County Department of Health is also taking the following steps:**

- **DOH is verifying that there are no violations regarding either air pollution or solid waste management at the site for those areas in which DOH does have jurisdiction.**
- **DOH is requesting health consults from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through MDHSS for 1) air emissions due to the SSE; 2) radiological contamination surrounding the Superfund site; and 3) radiological contamination in the Coldwater Creek area which is a FUSRAP site (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program).**
- **DOH is requesting air monitoring from MDNR due to the SSE.**

**The Saint Louis County Department of Health will continue to monitor the situation and assist in any way possible, recognizing that its powers are limited due to its lack of jurisdictional authority.**

**Craig LeFebvre**

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